

Dr. Steven Gorin Increases Productivity and is Prepared for ICD-10 with the Customizable EMA Orthopedics®



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Key Benefits of EMA Orthopedics:

- Orthopedic-specific electronic medical record (EMR) system
- Intuitive interface helps increase productivity
- Automated ICD-10 coding
- Cloud-based technology allows for easy access to patient data

Background

When Dr. Steven Gorin, a Florida-based orthopedic surgeon, started his new practice, Institute of Sports Medicine and Orthopaedics, in 2006, one of the most important tasks was secure an EMR system. “Before starting my own practice, I had experienced two EMR systems that were not orthopedic specific or prepared for the upcoming government mandates, plus the transition to ICD-10. I needed an advanced system that would be compatible with my practice and know orthopedic workflow,” he explained.

“I attended the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) annual meeting and researched about eight EMR systems there, including two that seemed to be orthopedic specific. They looked very nice on the surface but after I dug deeper into those products, I discovered they did not work very well and wouldn’t

be a good fit for my practice,” Dr. Gorin explained. “My practice management system company recommended Modernizing Medicine’s Electronic Medical Assistant® (EMA™). After reviewing numerous systems, I decided that EMA Orthopedics would most fit my practice and was exactly what I was looking for in an EMR system. EMA Orthopedics had the main factors that I was looking for as it is orthopedic-specific, integrated with my current practice management system, worked efficiently and best of all automatically remembered my preferences. The general systems I experienced required a lot of work to tailor them to my own style of practice.”

“The training for EMA Orthopedics was very straightforward and quick compared to my previous EMR systems. It only took a couple days for my staff to understand and learn the system. We began seeing a few new patients every day with EMA Orthopedics and were fully live within a few weeks. There are also videos on Modernizing Medicine’s user site that we could refer to if we got stuck. Whenever we contact support they are very reliable and quickly answer any questions.”

Orthopedic-Specific

One of the key features of EMA Orthopedics that was

important to Dr. Gorin is the fact that it's orthopedic-specific. EMA Orthopedics was designed to think like a real orthopedic surgeon and know the specialty-specific workflow. "What really made EMA Orthopedics interesting for me was that the system was designed and written by practicing orthopedic surgeons. Other EMR systems have software engineers coding the product who don't understand our workflow and what we need to get through the day efficiently. To me that is what makes EMA Orthopedics stand out from other systems," said Dr. Gorin.

"EMA Orthopedics has really helped increase my practice productivity in the sense that it focuses on what I do and what needs to be done with my notes. With note taking, I don't have to reinvent the wheel because the orthopedic-specific verbiage is already there, plus the notes are patient-specific, reads normally and I don't have to worry about cloning. EMA Orthopedics knows the common diagnoses I use and is customizable to my style of practice. For example, if I have a specific plan for a knee replacement, that plan will remain accessible so I don't have to keep adding it every single time. A new patient note may take me a couple of minutes and a follow up note can take 15-30 seconds. Unlike how other general systems operate, EMA Orthopedics doesn't include charts and templates that don't pertain to me. I'm able to remain efficient and productive throughout my day," he explained.

Prepared for ICD-10

By having EMA Orthopedics, Dr. Gorin does not have to worry about the upcoming mandatory transition to ICD-10 on October 1, 2015. EMA Orthopedics does

all the coding for him and will generate the appropriate ICD-10 codes with no extra work.

"One of the biggest draws for me was knowing that EMA Orthopedics had a solution for ICD-10. The system already includes the ICD-10 codes which will automatically populate after touching the 3D anatomical atlas, so there is nothing that needs to be done on my end. I'm able to increase my efficiency because EMA Orthopedics is straightforward with my billing which will only continue with ICD-10," Dr. Gorin explained. "One of the features I really appreciate about EMA Orthopedics is that it's always staying ahead of the curve with the changes in healthcare. I'm able to get through the day and focus on my patients."

Easy Access in the Cloud

EMA Orthopedics is cloud-based allowing Dr. Gorin to access his patient's information from virtually anywhere using an iPad, Mac, PC or smartphone. "My first EMR system was server-based so in order to access patient data while away from the office, I had to log-in through a virtual private network (VPN). It was inconvenient to use a certain computer to access information, not to mention this set up was costly," he said. "With EMA Orthopedics, I can use my iPad or access PocketEMA™ on my Android. Having this smaller version of EMA Orthopedics on my smartphone to reference a chart on the go is very useful. I can ePrescribe, look up patient information and note in real time, no matter where I am. Modernizing Medicine really created a convenient tool that will improve the way we as orthopedic surgeons practice."



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